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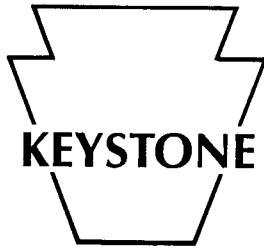
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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on July 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2004 and 5 percent above July 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.81 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, down 5 percent from 2004.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million, 7 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.71 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 412,000, 600-699 pounds were 347,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.07 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 7 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during June, 10 percent below 2004 but 3 percent above 2003.

MINK PELT PRODUCTION

Pennsylvania's mink pelt production in 2004 totaled 55,900 pelts, up 25 percent from 2003. Average prices for mink pelts produced in Pennsylvania are not available. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2005 totaled 15,000, up 1 percent from the previous year. Thirty-three percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

United States' mink pelt production in 2004 totaled 2.56 million pelts, up 1 percent from 2003. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing state, produced 768,000 pelts. Utah the second largest producing state, produced 580,000 pelts. Mink pelts produced during the 2004 crop year were valued at \$124 million dollars, up 21 percent from \$102 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2004 crop year was \$48.40, up from \$40.10 in 2003. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2005 totaled 642,100, up 6 percent from the previous year. There were 296 mink farms producing pelts in 2004, down 3 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 80 farms, Wisconsin with 67 farms, and Minnesota with 28.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 and up slightly from two years ago.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 but down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2005, and the changes from July 1, 2004, are as follows:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, up 2 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.0 million, up 4 percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.5 million, down 1 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, up 1 percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, up 2 percent.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 29.0 million, up slightly.
- **All cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 2 percent.

The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 2004 but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 1 percent from 2003.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, JULY 2005

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jul 2004	Jun 2005	Jul 2005 ¹	Jul 2004	Jun 2005	Jul 2005 ¹
<i>Dollars</i>							
Corn.....	Bu.	2.98	2.48	2.49	2.51	2.03	2.15
Wheat, Winter ²	Bu.	-	-	-	3.31	3.15	3.20
Oats.....	Bu.	1.74	2.17	1.84	1.36	1.91	1.63
Barley ²	Bu.	-	-	-	2.54	2.57	2.27
Hay, Dry All	Ton	120.00	130.00	127.00	90.40	102.00	99.70
Dry Alfalfa	Ton	143.00	143.00	148.00	98.40	112.00	109.00
Dry Other.....	Ton	108.00	107.00	116.00	70.90	73.60	75.90
Apples, Fresh Use.....	Lb.	.202	.191	⁵	.300	.162	.153
Potatoes	Cwt.	7.60	⁶	⁶	6.46	7.66	8.73
Cows, Slaughter	Cwt.	46.70	56.30	54.50	56.30	57.00	55.60
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	83.00	83.30	80.00	91.40	91.90	89.60
Calves	Cwt.	110.00	127.00	120.00	130.00	138.00	133.00
Barrows & Gilts.....	Cwt.	55.10	46.60	40.80	57.60	49.90	49.80
Sows.....	Cwt.	46.70	47.20	37.50	49.40	43.30	38.70
Eggs ³	Doz.	.430	.220	.320	.403	.231	.326
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	18.70	15.90	-	16.10	14.50	14.80
Manufactured Grade	Cwt.	15.00	14.00	-	14.20	13.80	14.10
All	Cwt.	18.70	15.90	16.30	16.10	14.50	14.80
Milk Cows ⁴	Head	1,750.00	-	1,800.00	1,720.00	-	1,830.00

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ⁴ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., July, Oct.). ⁵ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. ⁶ Monthly price for potatoes discontinued in 2005.

JULY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DECREASED 1 POINT FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 119, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from June. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, cattle, grapes, and broccoli. Higher prices were received for corn, asparagus, eggs, and milk. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, and asparagus.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4.0 percent) from July 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month and declined 6 points (4.7 percent) from July 2004.

PRICES PAID INDEX IS UNCHANGED

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates is 140 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from June but 5 points (3.7 percent) above July 2004. Lower prices in July for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, and hay & forages offset higher prices for diesel fuel, feed concentrates, gasoline, and complete feeds.

Fuels: The July index, at 225, is up 4.2 percent from a month earlier and 40 percent above July 2004. Compared with last month, prices are higher for diesel fuel, gasoline, and LP gas.

Feed: The July index, at 122, increased 1 7 percent from June but decreased 4.7 percent from last July. Since June, higher prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, feed grains, and feed supplements more than offset lower prices for hay & forages.

JULY 1, 2005, ALL SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2005, totaled 7.80 million head, 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.66 million head on July 1, 2005 was 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent above last July.

The breeding herd consist of 3.79 million ewes one year and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older, and 680,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised of 1.81 million lambs under 65 pounds, 635,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 350,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90,000.

The 2005 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.12 million head, up 1 percent from the 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2005 totaled 3.65 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2005.

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.0 percent of all sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 19.2 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR & WA) for 16.7 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) FOR 15.4 percent, and Region 5 (all other States) for 14.7 percent.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS, JUNE 30, 2005

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 594,000 bushels on June 30, 2005, compared to 660,000 bushels on June 30, 2004. The three varieties with the largest fresh market and processing reported stocks in bushels were: York with 265,000; Rome with 109,000; and Red Delicious with 68,000 bushels. **Total apple stocks** in Pennsylvania totaled 24,948,000 pounds on June 30, 2005, compared to 29,311,000 pounds on June 30, 2004. There were no pear stocks reported in cold storage on June 30, 2005.

Nationally, frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for pork, eggs, vegetables, and potatoes. Butter stocks were up 2 percent from last month, but down 4 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies in freezers were up slightly from last month, and up 7 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 4 percent from last month, but up 32 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 14 percent from last month, but up 90 percent from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on June 30, 2005 were up 5 percent from the previous month, but down 13 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month, but down 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 9 percent from last month, but down 15 percent from June 30, 2004.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Jun 30, 2004	May 31, 2005	Jun 30, 2005
	(000) Lbs.		
Butter	189,183	178,049	181,888
Cheese, Total Natural.....	842,047	810,648	815,619
Eggs, Frozen	18,256	17,667	19,867
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,373,065	1,133,742	1,195,050
Chicken.....	774,553	664,224	685,585
Turkeys.....	597,576	469,051	508,947
Fruits, Frozen	819,835	687,592	765,405
Fruit Juices, Frozen	2,366,850	1,968,100	1,812,046
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,411,984	1,485,020	1,518,233
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,128,654	1,178,072	1,192,543
Meats, Total Frozen.....	797,871	848,511	850,554
Beef, Total Frozen.....	411,767	318,263	339,848
Pork, Total Frozen.....	373,007	512,696	491,738

PENNSYLVANIA APPLES IN COLD STORAGE, JUNE 2005

Variety	June 30, 2004					June 30, 2005				
	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
	(1,000) Bushels									
York.....	0	2	10	109	121	0	0	0	265	265
Stayman	0	2	0	0	2	n/p	n/p	0	0	n/p
Rome.....	0	15	6	87	108	n/p	n/p	2	107	n/p
Red Delicious	0	84	10	74	168	n/p	26	0	42	n/p
Golden Delicious	0	4	14	154	172	n/p	20	0	44	n/p
Gala	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	0	0	1
McIntosh.....	0	0	0	0	0	n/p	n/p	0	0	n/p
Fuji	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/p	10	0	0	n/p
Other ²	0	3	23	63	89	3	36	3	35	328
Total	0	110	63	487	660	3	93	5	493	594

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified. ² Includes miscellaneous varieties and some quantities of above varieties not identified. n/p (not published) due to too few reports or insignificant volumes stored, these are included in the 'other' variety category.

APPLE & PEAR STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, PENNSYLVANIA & UNITED STATES, JUNE 30, 2005

Commodity	All Warehouse Stocks		
	June 30, 2004	May 31, 2005	June 30, 2005
PENNSYLVANIA			
APPLES:			
Regular Storage	246,000	3,234,000	336,000
Controlled Atmosphere	29,065,000	44,562,000	24,612,000
Total Apples	29,311,000	47,796,000	24,948,000
PEARS:			
Bartletts.....	0	0	0
Other Varieties	0	0	0
Total Pears.....	0	0	0
UNITED STATES			
APPLES:			
Regular Storage	8,030	34,507	13,474
Controlled Atmosphere	549,974	1,388,216	845,302
Total Apples	558,004	1,422,723	858,796
PEARS:			
Bartletts.....	1,284	168	238
Other Varieties	13,708	35,605	14,130
Total Pears.....	14,992	35,773	14,368

MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005	Jun 2004	May 2005	Jun 2005
Layers	Thous.	24,189	23,418	22,988	342,835	342,837	341,352
Eggs Per 100 Layers	Number	2,270	2,387	2,340	2,126	2,205	2,151
Eggs Produced	Million	549	559	538	7,289	7,558	7,342
Chick Hatch-Egg Type	Thous.	5,349	4,493	4,769	37,508	37,449	34,537
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type	Thous.	12,629	14,978	14,011	786,603	823,406	796,001
Poults Placed	Thous.	-	-	-	23,291	23,714	24,276

EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in **Pennsylvania** during June 2005 totaled 538 million eggs, down 2 percent from the 549 million produced in June 2004. The total number of layers averaged 23.0 million during June, down 5 percent from one year earlier. Production per 100 layers was 2,340 eggs during the month, an increase of 70 eggs from June 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2005 totaled 4.77 million, down 11 percent from the 5.35 million hatched the previous June. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.0 million during June 2005, up 11 percent from the 12.6 million hatched during the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.34 billion during June 2005, up slightly from last year. The total number of layers during June averaged 341 million, down slightly from the average number of layers during June 2004. Egg production per 100 layers was 2,151 eggs, up 25 eggs from June 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during June totaled 34.5 million, down 8 percent from June 2004. Broiler-type hatch totaled 796 million, up 1 percent from the previous June. There were 24.3 million turkey poults placed in the United States during June 2005, up 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JUN 2005

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod	Mil. Lbs.	97.9	3,963
Cattle	Thous. Hd.	71.7	2,937
	Mil. Lbs. Live	87.8	3,658
Calves	Thous. Hd.	13.1	59
	Mil. Lbs. Live	5.3	22
Hogs	Thous. Hd.	235.2	8,554
	Mil. Lbs. Live	57.2	2,296
Sheep & Lambs	Thous. Hd.	5.1	223
	Mil. Lbs. Live	.5	31

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in the state during June 2005 totaled 97.9 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up one hundred thousand pounds from June 2004. Beef production, at 87.8 million pounds live weight, was up 2 percent from June 2004. Total head slaughtered was 71,700, down 3 percent; and live weight averaged 1,223 pounds, up 63 pounds from a year ago. Veal production was 5.3 million pounds live weight, up 14 percent. Calf slaughter of 13,100 head was up 4 percent, and average live weight increased 38 pounds to 408 pounds. Pork production was 57.2 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 235,200, down 2 percent. Average live weight was 243 pounds, up 2 pounds compared to June 2004. Lamb and mutton production was 509,000 pounds live weight, down 18 percent from June 2004. The number slaughtered was 5,100, down 22 percent. Average live weight was 100 pounds, up 5 pounds from last year.

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